

response, the court will consider the amended complaint timely and therefore permitted as a matter of course”); Jackson v. Merscorp Inc., 2013 WL 12190523, *1 (M.D.N.C May 20, 2013) (same).

Plaintiff filed her Motion for Leave to Amend on September 17, 2021, within the extended time frame for responding to Defendant’s Motion. See Text-Only Orders entered August 31, 2021 and September 9, 2021. Accordingly, the amendment is as a matter of course. For that reason, the Court grants Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint.

It is well settled that an amended pleading supersedes the original pleading and that motions directed at superseded pleadings are to be denied as moot. Young v. City of Mount Ranier, 238 F. 3d 567, 573 (4th Cir. 2001) (amended pleading renders original pleading of no effect); Turner v. Kight, 192 F. Supp. 2d 391, 397 (D. Md. 2002) (denying as moot motion to dismiss original complaint on grounds that amended complaint superseded original complaint).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

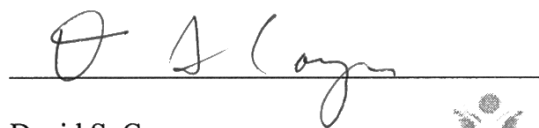
1. “Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint” (document # 8) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall file her Amended Complaint within five days of this Order.

2. “Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss” (document #4) is administratively **DENIED** as moot without prejudice.

3. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to counsel for the parties and to the Honorable Robert J. Conrad, Jr..

SO ORDERED.

Signed: September 20, 2021



David S. Cayer
United States Magistrate Judge

